## Fact Sheet



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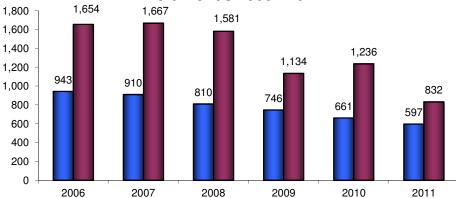
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# **Anne Arundel County**

## Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Anne Arundel County has seen a significant 16.1% reduction in total crime, a 15.5% reduction in violent crime, and a 16.2% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in homicides (-34.8%), rapes (-17.3%), robberies (-36.7%), aggravated assaults (-5.7%), breaking & entering (-33.9%), larceny/thefts (-6.7%), and motor vehicle thefts (-49.7%).

### Anne Arundel County Robbery and Motor Vehicle Theft Trends 2006 - 2011



### ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Anne Arundel County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 38 grants in Anne Arundel County totaling \$2,475,223. As a result, Anne Arundel County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- ➤ Crime Analysis The Anne Arundel County Police Department's COMPSTAT Support Crime Analysts II program enhances law enforcement efficiency and capabilities through hiring additional crime analysts who help the police with rapid and focused deployment of resources to identified crime areas and problems.
- Prisoner Re-entry Community Mediation Maryland's Prisoner Re-entry Mediation program helps to rebuild relationships between inmates preparing for release and their family members.

#### **Key Initiatives**

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Capital City Safe Streets
- Child Advocacy
  Center
- Law Enforcement Technology
- Youth Diversion
- Prisoner Re-entry
- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Protective Order Advocacy
- Disproportionate Minority Contact
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Rape crisis
   Intervention Services
- Sexual Assault Response Systems
- Crime Lab Improvements
- Victim/Witness
   Notification

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- Sexual Assault Response Systems The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc.'s Sexual Assault Response Systems program provides technical assistance and training for the Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) programs and supports Sexual Assault Response Teams and other professionals statewide.
- Protective Order Advocacy and Representation Through the House of Ruth Maryland, the Family Administrations' Protective Order Advocacy and Representation program provides on-site legal representation to victims of domestic violence seeking protective orders. Victims receive legal advice, counseling, lethality assessments, safety planning, and representation by empathetic and knowledgeable staff in one convenient courthouse location.
- Child Advocacy Center Family and Children Services of Central Maryland's Anne Arundel Abuse Counseling Center (AAACC) provides mental health services, crisis intervention, and advocacy for sexually and physically abused children and their non-offending family members, as well as adult survivors of sexual and physical abuse or rape in Anne Arundel County. The AAACC program provides individual, family, and group therapy to these victims.
- ➤ Victim/Witness Notification The Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office's Victim Notification Specialists program provides direct services to crime victims whose cases are heard by the SAO. The program ensures that underserved victims are assisted and notified of case status information.



"Crime is down in our County despite the difficult economy, and we have our police officers and our citizens to thank for that. In this difficult budget climate, the Police Department has implemented a plan that engages the community and maximizes resources through targeted deployment. Over the past three years, we have improved community relations and expanded outreach, reorganized the department, and promoted from within our best and brightest."

County Executive John R. Leopold